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DEPT PLEASE PASS TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

FOLLOWING REPEAT LA PAZ 7408 ACTION SECTATE AND LIMA DATED 13
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QUOTE
S E C R E T LA PAZ 7408

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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, BL
SUBJ: GUARANTEEING BOLIVIAN NEUTRALITY

REF: STATE 236927

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTURCTIONS IN REFTEL, I BRIEFED PROSIDENT BANZAR TUESDAY, NOV 12, ON U.S. REACTION TO HIS REQUEST FOR GUARANTEE OF BOLIVIAN NEUTRALITY AND OTHER ITEMS RELATED THERETO. PRESIDENT BANZER SEEMED GENUINELY PLEASED THAT U.S. HAD REPLIED TO HIS APPROACH AND INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF OUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE UNILATERAL GUARANTEE OF BOLIVIAN NEUTRALITY. HE SAID HE CONSIDERS CONFLICT BETWEEN PERU AND CHILE NOT AS SHORT-TERM BUT AS LONGER RANGE PROBLEM. HE AGREES THAT TO REISE CHILE-PERU SITUATION IN OAS NOW WOULD BE INADVISABLE. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR COMMITMENT ON
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PART OF US THAT IT WILL CONSULT WITH HIM AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT IN

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DEVELOPING SITUATION BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU, AS NOTED IN PARA 5
OF REFTEL. HE DID NOT REACT TO PRESENTATION ON ARMS LIMITATION
AGREEMENT.

2. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN FORTHCOMING VISIT OF
LUIGI EINAUDI OF S/P AND ASKED ME TO PERSONALLY COORDINATE HIS
PROGRAM WITH MINISTER OF COORDINATION, GENERAL LECHIN.

3. PRESIDENT TOLD ME THAT SITUATION IN COUNTRY CALM AFTER ABORTIVED
COUP IN SANTA CRUZ AND THE TAKING OF FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS ABOUT A
NEW ORDER WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE OF BOLIVIA. HE SAID
THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN THE MINING AREA AND NOTED
THAT THE GOVERNEMENT HAD TAKEN THE MANACO SHOE FACTORY IN COCHABAMBA
THE NIGHT OF NOV. 11. FACTORY, HE SAID, HAD BEEN CONSTANT SOURCE
OF COMMUNIST AGITATION AND DISTURBANCES OF PUBILIC ORDER.

4. PRESIDENT SAID HE HOPED DEPT OF STATE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE
AND HIS REGIME WERE FORCED AGAINST THEIR OWN DESIRES TO IMPOSE
NEW ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BECAUSE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE NOT PROPITIOUS
FOR ELECTIONS WHICH HE BASICALLY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED. HE SAID
HE HOPED UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY PROFOUND SO AS TO
ENCOURAGE FAVORABLE RESPONSES TO INCREASED BOLIVIAN NEEDS FOR
VARIOUS KINDS OF ECONOMIC AND INTERNAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE,
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF ANTICIPATED LARGE DEFICIT IN 1975.
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NOTE: SECSTATE ORIG ADDEE ON LA PAZ 7408. ONLY SENT DEPT
FOR PASSING SANTIAGO WITH RUEHCR CALLOUT PLUS PASSING INSTRUCTIONS.
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